

# Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club



Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club (CLTTGC) is a member of Mendo-Lake District Garden Clubs, California Garden Clubs Inc (CGCI) and the National Garden Clubs Inc (NGCI). We were founded on September 21, 1955, by five women who wished to create and promote interest in amateur gardening in Lake County.

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## 2012-13 Officers:

### President:

Leanne Harvey

### Vice President:

Carol & Hans  
Dobusch

### Treasurer:

Ginny Cline

### Secretary:

Helen Turley

### Parliamentarian:

Jo Shaul

[www.clttgc.org](http://www.clttgc.org)  
See us on Facebook

## Thyme with President Leanne:



Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. We exercise all of these body parts when we garden.

We stay strong because of what we do in the garden, in the community, and in our lives. We help others. We do good deeds. We share plants and knowledge. There are times when we get aches or pains in our heads, shoulders, knees, toes or other body parts or we have responsibilities that prevent us from doing all we wish we could do. That's when our club steps up to help one another to make our projects happen on schedule and with style.

Our Club makes its members feel cared for by all. A culture of kindness hugs us all. The Club jumps right in and helps one another when the need arises, and all benefit. It has been my pleasure to watch these helping garden hands and hearts go to work with both our upcoming Nov 9th Mum Show and the upcoming Dec 4-7th Christmas Wreath Project. The Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis

Club really is special, individually and collectively. Thanks for all you do to make it wonderful! This newsletter is dedicated to all of you that are working toward health and wellness. Our hearts and thoughts are with you!



*Flora, Friends, and Fun!*

Our Chrysanthemum Show this year is on Friday, Nov 9th, at the Yacht Club near the 5th Street launch ramp in Lakeport. Set-up is at 9am and clean-up at 5pm. Those exhibiting arrangements need to bring them between 9:30-11:30am. If you signed-up to bring cookies, cider, plates, back-drops, etc - remember we are counting on you! The community loves this event - invite your friends and neighbors.

## 'Mums in Style'



REMINDER: Email Shirley ahead-of-time with the style of your arrangement so she can make a label.

Also: Leanne has flowers to be used in our arrangements. Her gates will be open between noon and 2pm on Wed, Nov 7th. Sharon or Evy will be in-charge.



**Dear Dahlia,**

**Q: Leanne asks, "How can you tell the difference between lemon balm and mint?"**



**A:** Lemon Balm (*Melissa officinalis*) can be an invasive perennial herb, like its cousin, mint (*menthe*). An intense fragrant scent of lemons occurs when the leaves are bruised or crushed. It has clusters of insignificant pale creamy flowers in summer, and mid-green, oval, toothed textured leaves. It is a hardy herb that dies back in winter and reappears in the spring. Propagate from seed or root divisions. Use leaves in drinks, fruit cups, salads, or with fish.



## **SUNSHINE REPORT** *by Marva Brandt*



Thanks to Carol Dobusch for sending cards out while Marva recovers.

**Thinking of You -  
Heather Brezine, June Dye,  
Heidi Thomason, & Diane Neilson**



**CGCI AWARD Deadlines:**

*All entries must be postmarked either  
**DECEMBER 1, 2012 or JANUARY 10, 2013** -- check the award description on line  
to find which postmark date applies to your entry.  
or see Jo Shaul.*



### **PLANT WISH LIST**

Leanne presented a 'red hot poker' plant to Linda P. If you have plants to share or plants that are on your wish list, drop a note in the Dear Dahlia box and we'll see if we can match-up the two.



### **4-H Flower and Plant Hands on Activity Day!**

CLTTGC recently teamed up with the Blue Heron 4-H Club to enjoy an afternoon teaching and learning about floral arranging.

CLTTGC members participated in many ways. Wonderful examples of different styles of arrangements were made by **Jo Shaul, Barbara Swanson, Leanne Harvey, Betty Atwood-Reyna, Michelle Wisler, and Jo Jameson.** **Joyce Porterfield** donated lovely vases. **Sharon Reeves** helped with supplies. Community members, Tim Snyder and Leslie Slater donated some of their beautiful grasses to the event.

The 4-H students each did a fresh flower arrangement and a dried arrangement to take home and learned ways to keep arrangements fresh, ways to make arrangements secure, as well as, what to look for in texture, color, and design.

To thank the CLTTGC helpers, the Blue Heron 4-H Club gifted the members with special iris rhizomes.

Pictured are Blue Heron 4-H leader, Peggy Alexander, Adrianna Guardado, Asia Jones and Jennifer Hernandez, and Asia Jones.



**The BYLAWS and Standing Rules were updated and approved as of Oct 2012. You can down-load your copies from Leanne's email or ask her for a copy.**



Christmas card drive for soldiers drop off at the Veterans Service Office at 255 N Forbes St in Lakeport - no later than Nov 15th.



## CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION- Lakeport Library

Please contact Barbara Swanson if you have sedums to donate for the re-planting of the boxes at the Library.



Last year Leanne gave me some Dahlia seedlings which I carefully planted. Oops! A raccoon tore them all up beyond recognition. They never returned and I thought they were GONE. Amazingly this year they are back and blooming.

*Moral: **Never Give Up!*** Marva



**Mum Cuttings:** The best time to get cuttings from Mums is in the fall. Take some of the healthy slightly woody part of the plant and strip off the bottom leaves. I usually plan to put about 4 inches of stripped stem under the soil. Dip the stem in a rooting hormone and plant as you would a potted plant. You can also put your cutting in a pot that has potting soil and use a stick to make a hole in the potting soil and stick your cutting with the root toner gently in the prepared pot and push dirt around it and then water. DO NOT leave much green on the top. A couple healthy leaves are plenty. You want all your plant's energy to go toward developing strong roots. I keep my plants in the shade for a couple weeks to let the process start. This works for **boxwood** too! Leanne Harvey



Lake County Hunger Task Force has a mission to deal with hunger issues in Lake County. If you can help call Lorrie Gray at 707 277-9227.

## FEATURED PLANT-*Chrysanthemum*

Mums are Carol Kesey's favorite flower. They grow well in Lake County and Bloom when the day's sunlight shortens to the appropriate length. Garden Club members hope it coincides with the 'Mum Show', Nov 9th this year. They are wonderful to share with friends and the variety is amazing!



### Growing Tips:

- Some are easy to grow. Some are difficult.
- Be ready to stake and tie to prevent plants from breaking & bending when the blooms come.
- Monitor plants carefully and watch for aphids. If aphids appear. Wash the plant with a spray of water. After the plant dries, use 1 cup water, 1 cup oil and 2 tablespoons of dish soap and give them a good spraying. Check and dose as often as aphids reappear.
- Mums love fertilizer!
- Mulch to discourage weeds and to keep the ground moisture constant.
- You can get your mums to bloom sooner if in August you keep them in the dark from 5 P.M. to 8 A.M. every day for about a month. This fools the plant into thinking it is later in the season than it is and the buds form early.
- The best time to get a cutting is in the fall.

### Prune:

- Pinch tips of leaves early in the growing season frequently to keep young plants compact and bushy. Cut the plants back in July to about 6 inches. But staking is needed for plants that have the big, showy blooms and for plants to do well in the Lake County Fall weather
- Plants like some space. 12-24 inches is recommended. When you share with friends, it will be good for your mums.

Remove faded blooms regularly to keep mums blooming longer

### Propagate:

- Plants can be propagated by seed, cuttings or plant division
  - Make a name tag for each plant so you'll know if it is a tall, medium, or short growing plant. Aluminum pans cut in pieces work well for this as do Venetian blinds.
- Sow seeds in early spring. With a seed, you may get a completely different plant as a bee may have had its way with multiple partners. I recommend cuttings and plant division in the late fall or early spring if you want to really know what plant you are getting and growing.

## KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB!

Easy Yeast/Herb Bread with no kneading was a hit! Come hear the report at the next Garden Club meeting. The next Kitchen Garden Club will be hosted in January by Susan B or Joyce Porterfield (TBA)



*I only share this secret with my closest friends.. So here goes: Tag! You're it!*

We tried both 'apple' pie and 'apple' crisp made with *Big Zucchini* at the Kitchen garden Club. Be sure to ask Susan, Sharon, Nancy and Joyce what they thought about the taste test!

Have fun with this! Leanne



The Mendo-Lake District needs one of our members to be on a nominating committee to select a Parliamentarian and or a volunteer for that district position. Let me know if you are interested. This position is short term -filling the position left vacant by Jane Ford until the end of the calendar year, I believe. Leanne



### MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT-Spring Meeting

A volunteer needed to chair this event that

CLTTGC will be hosting on April, 2013.

Speak with Ginny C or Leanne for details.

Barbara S will mentor the chair for this event.



Linda Waterstraat

is collecting Box Tops for Education (a school fundraiser).



# WELCOME

New Members

**Frederick Veio** Cell 707 350-1505

Clearlake Park

[fveio@hotmail.com](mailto:fveio@hotmail.com)

BD 07/24

**Carol Batho-Hollar** 707 349-9853

Lakeport

[Wordz4u@att.net](mailto:Wordz4u@att.net)

BD 08/29

Please correct your 2012-2013 Yearbook

**Linda Waterstraat's** email should be [lh20straat@yahoo.com](mailto:lh20straat@yahoo.com)



Flora fun , friends!

Tips from the President

### Watering 101: Three scenarios

- The **"Impatient"** Gardener sprinkles the top of the dirt until it all looks wet. **Problem:** The roots are way down deep, and they get no water and might die of thirst.

- The **Aggressive "Let's Get this Done Now!"** Gardener uses his hose like a light saber tearing up the soil around the roots and damaging them. **Problem:** The roots get wet down below, but the roots close to the surface are damaged and the plant suffers

**The Organized, Successful, Green Thumb Gardener** uses drip irrigation for most outside plants. We get our plants watered deeply and gently conserving water. Timers are great for this as they can be adjusted over the seasons to give the plants just what they need. The plants that don't have drippers get a deep ring of dirt around each plant, and we fill that maybe more than once depending on the size and needs of the plants. We water using a wand that doesn't tear up the dirt. We don't water right on the base of the plant but in the 'well'.

**No problems!**

**Should I water all my plants like this? As the dental hygienist tells us about flossing... "Only the ones you want to keep."**

(Exceptions to rules do occur: Cactus and some others).



## BOW-MAKING WORKSHOP

**Thursday, Nov 15th, 9am**

*Worker Bees wanted!*

Barbara Swanson's house  
(see Yearbook for address)



## CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS

Envelopes and money are due now!

Bring them Nov 9th (Mum Show) or the 15th (Bow making) or the 20th at the Club meeting. The November meeting will be your last chance to turn-in envelopes. (150 max) Linda P



*Can any of you volunteer to store the wreath making material ??? We talked about it at the last two meeting and we still need a volunteer. I will take the equipment to the project this year and then it could be taken to your home from the Wreath making project in December. I measured the space it takes and it is 3 ft. by 6 ft. and 8 ft tall. So a 4 ft. by 8 ft space would be plenty of room.*

*Thanks for considering. Nancy Benkelman*

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Zino's Restaurant  
Soda Bay Road

December 18th (Tuesday)  
Noon -12:30pm visiting time  
12:30pm meal served

**\$20 includes tip**

Selections:

- Chicken Alfredo w/ small salad
- Florentine Raviolis w/small salad
- Meal-size Salad.

Dessert: Tiramisu

Coffee, Tea, and Water provided.  
Other beverages available to purchase.

Sign-up at the November meeting.  
Pay Betty Atwood-Reyna 277-9700  
Cash or check made out to CLTTGC.

## CALIFORNIA CHRISTMAS TREE Jerry Shaul



Eureka! A living Christmas tree. With its gracefully curved branches that are tastefully "painted" golden or grey-green "frosted" at the tips by new growth retains its pyramidal shape throughout its life. Planted in a 5-gallon container this beauty can be further decorated at

Christmas time and also used as a patio ornamental over a period of 5 to 10 years. Then it may be transplanted in a park-like landscape where a pleasing contrast with surrounding vegetation is desired. Poor soil and rainfall only will allow up to 3-ft. per year growth up to 80 ft. with a 40 ft. spread. This pest and disease free tree seems to adjust its habit so as to find comfort within the space allotted and co-exists well with close neighbors. For decades this native of the Indian Himalayas has been grown in California as an ornamental. "Deodar", its Hindu name means "timber of the gods".



By the way, Josephine has many godly timber seedlings she would like to share with anyone interested.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO COLLECT SEEDS  
TO SHARE OR SAVE FOR OUR PLANT SALE!**

Doug Schmidt takes samples from a costal oak tree believed to have been killed by Sudden Oak Death in Golden Gate Park. The disease has spread throughout the Bay Area. Phytophthora ramorum is the cause of both Sud-



den Oak Death, a forest disease that has resulted in widespread dieback of several tree species in California and Oregon forests, and Ramorum blight, which affects the leaves and twigs of numerous other plants in forests and nurseries.

## Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club

Return mail: Pres Leanne Harvey  
PO Box 824, Lakeport, CA 95453-0824

The club meets at 12:00 pm  
on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.  
Scott's Valley Women's Club House  
2298 Hendricks Road  
Lakeport, CA 95453

### Garden Club Affiliates

- **National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org))  
National President: Shirley S Nicolai
- **Pacific Region**  
DHinchey@alaska.com  
Director: Debbie Hinchey
- **California Garden Club, Inc.**  
([www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org](http://www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org))  
President: Julie West
- **Mendo-Lake District Garden Club**  
([www.mendolakegardenclub.org](http://www.mendolakegardenclub.org))  
District Director: Virginia Stranske



## EXERCISE YOUR PASSIONS: FLORA, FRIENDS



## Forget-me-nots

November 2012

- 1 Garden Therapy-Lucerne (YB-pg17)
- 4 Happy Birthday Thomas Welsh!
- 9 Mums In Style - Chrysanthemum Show  
Set-up begins at 9am-11:30am.  
Open to the public 1-5pm.
- 13 Lake Ka-Ba-Tin Redbud Flower Arrangers  
Theme: Sculptural Form Design  
10:00am (Tues), St John's Episcopal Church
- 15 Bow-Making Workshop, 9am, Barbara Swanson house (see yearbook for info)
- 16 11:00am (Fri) Redwood Arrangers- Ukiah

Newsletter's deadline-4th Tues (1 week from meeting date).

### 20 Garden Club Meeting

Hosts: Betty A, Claire G, Barbara S  
11am Board Meeting  
12noon Social time/Refreshments  
12:30pm Program: UAPTOP Unmanaged  
Pear & Apples by Gabriel O'Neill, MG  
1:00pm Flower Roll Call  
1:30pm Business Meeting



### 27 Happy Birthday Carol Dobusch!

